

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : May I know whether Government have ascertained his solvency ?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*) : Yes.

MR. K. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Todupuzha cum Devicolum*) : Is it compulsory for the Trade Agent under the agreement to get orders for Travancore goods ?

PRESIDENT : He is appointed for that purpose.

Advisory Committee on agricultural matters.

105. ***MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI** (*Tiruvalla III*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Director of Agriculture has recommended to Government the constitution of a Committee to advise the Department on matters of agricultural improvements in this State and

(b) the action taken by Government on such recommendations ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : (a) Yes.

(b) Government propose to sanction the recommendation of the Director.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*) : May I know the nature of the recommendations that Government propose to sanction ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : They propose to appoint a committee consisting of officials and non-officials to advise the department about the new schemes to be worked out.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*) : What are the functions of the Committee ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : To advise and to suggest problems for research.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*) : May I know the strength of the Committee proposed ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : The Director has suggested a Committee consisting of 15 non-officials and some officers of the Department.

MR. KAINIKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Changanacherry I*) : As decided by the Government, what is the strength of the Committee ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : Government have not decided about the strength of the Committee. Provision for T. A. is made in the budget; and if it is passed by the legislature, then further steps will be taken ?

MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Changanacherry I*) : Will the suggestion be placed before the House ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : No. Sanction for the T. A. is placed before the House.

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Urban*) : Has the Economic Development Board anything to do with the Agricultural Department at present ?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): I rise to a point of order whether that supplementary question as to whether the Economic Development Board has anything to do with the Agricultural Department arises under this question?

PRESIDENT: That arises perhaps from the answer given by Mr. Thommen.

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): The Director is a member of the Economic Development Board.

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Urban*): May I know from the Government whether the Agricultural Department is now seeking any advice from the Economic Development Board?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Questions about agriculture are discussed in the Economic Development Board.

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Urban*): Will the Government be pleased to say whether they would consider the possibility of the Agricultural Department being made to function on the recommendations of the Committee now proposed? Will they consider that question?

PRESIDENT: You would have over-ruled that question yourself.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Rural*): Is it not a suggestion?

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): May I know whether the constitution and functions of the Board as recommended by the Director of Agriculture are the same as those of the Economic Development Board as it works now?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Not exactly.

Statement by caste of teachers of Departmental English Schools.

106. *MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): Will the Government be pleased to furnish caste-war statements of teachers of departmental English Schools, as per the following items;

- (i) undergraduate teachers;
- (ii) second grade teachers;
- (iii) first grade teachers; and
- (iv) headmasters?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): A *statement is laid on the table.

MR. M. MUHAMMAD HANEEF (*Nominated*): May I know whether the Muhammadan Inspector is included in this list?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Yes, Sir.

MR. M. MUHAMMAD HANEEF (*Nominated*): May I know, Sir, in what grade he is put?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): He is now in the third grade.

MR. M. MUHAMMAD HANEEF (*Nominated*): May I know whether he gets a less pay than some of the Arabic Munshis?

* *Vide* Appendix.